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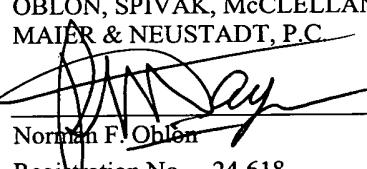
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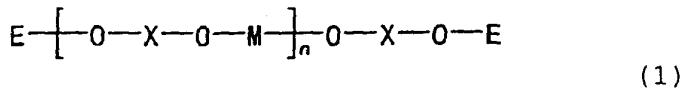
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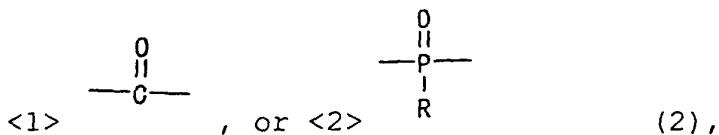
CLAIMS

1. A flame-retardant polycarbonate resin composition which comprises a resin mixture of (A) from 60 to 99 % by mass of a polycarbonate resin and (B) from 1 to 40 % by mass of a polycarbonate copolymer having phosphorus atoms in its main chain, and contains (C) from 0.02 to 5 parts by mass, relative to 100 parts by mass of the resin mixture, of an anti-dripping agent.

2. The flame-retardant polycarbonate resin composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polycarbonate copolymer (B) that has phosphorus atoms in its main chain is an organic phosphate-containing polycarbonate copolymer of the following formula (1):



in which X represents a dihydroxy-aromatic residue; E represents a hydrogen atom, or $-M-O-Ar$; Ar represents an optionally-substituted aryl group; M represents a bonding part of the following formula (2):



R is selected from an alkyl group having from 1 to 15 carbon atoms, an aryl group having from 6 to 14 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having from 1 to 30 carbon atoms, and an aryloxy group

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having from 6 to 14 carbon atoms; the molar ratio of the bonding parts <1> to <2> falls between 95/5 and 5/95; and n falls between 20 and 400.

3. The flame-retardant polycarbonate resin composition as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the anti-dripping agent (C) is at least one member selected from the group consisting of fluororesins, silicone resins and phenolic resins.

4. The flame-retardant polycarbonate resin composition as claimed in any of claims 1 to 3, which further contains (D) from 1 to 30 parts by mass of a rubbery polymer, relative to 100 parts by mass of the resin mixture of (A) and (B) therein.

5. The flame-retardant polycarbonate resin composition as claimed in claim 4, wherein the rubbery polymer (D) is a core/shell-type, grafted rubbery polymer.

6. The flame-retardant polycarbonate resin composition as claimed in any of claims 1 to 5, which further contains (E) from 1 to 40 parts by mass of a styrene resin, relative to 100 parts by mass of the resin mixture of (A) and (B) therein.

7. The flame-retardant polycarbonate resin composition as claimed in any of claims 1 to 6, which further contains (F) from 1 to 100 parts by mass of an inorganic filler, relative to 100 parts by mass of the resin mixture of (A) and (B) therein.

8. Moldings of the flame-retardant polycarbonate resin composition of any of claims 1 to 7.

9. Moldings as claimed in claim 8, which are for housings

or parts of electric and electronic appliances.

10. Moldings as claimed in claim 8, which are for parts of development units, fixation units and paper receiver units of duplicators or printers.

ABSTRACT

Provided is a non-halogen, flame-retardant polycarbonate resin composition that comprises a resin mixture of (A) from 60 to 99 % by mass of a polycarbonate resin and (B) from 1 to 40 % by mass of a polycarbonate copolymer having phosphorus atoms in its main chain, and contains (C) from 0.02 to 5 parts by mass, relative to 100 parts by mass of the resin mixture, of an anti-dripping agent. Also provided are moldings of the composition. The polycarbonate copolymer (B) that has phosphorus atoms in its main chain is typically a polycarbonate copolymer of which the repetitive structural units contain an aromatic organophosphate component. The resin moldings have good impact resistance, good heat resistance and high stiffness intrinsic to polycarbonate resin. Not depositing on the wall of molds, the melt of the resin composition is well flowable and is stably molded into high-quality moldings having good appearance, and its long-run workability is good.